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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

    1. – 30.   (Canceled)

    31. (Currently Amended)   A method of storing receipts comprising:

instantiating a database of electronic receipts coupled to a server, each receipt associated with a receipt card having a magnetic strip encoded with information that identifies an electronic address of the database and information that identifies a [[user]] receipt card account number, wherein each receipt includes a list of items purchased during a cash transaction and unique transaction identification information for the cash transaction;

receiving, at the server, a request for a specific electronic receipt associated with a specific receipt card account number from a remote device; and

transmitting, from the server, information indicative of said specific electronic receipt to said remote device.

    32. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 31, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a computer system located at a business.

    33. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 31, wherein said receiving request for said specific electronic receipt is from a customer's computer system.

    34. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 31, wherein said unique transaction identification information further comprises:

the identity of the retailer who participated in said transaction, a transaction number, a gross amount, a sales tax, a date of said transaction, and a time of said transaction.

    35. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 31, further comprising:

receiving, at the server, a request for a plurality of receipts associated with the specific receipt card account number.

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36. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 31 further comprising:

receiving, at the server, a first electronic receipt associated with a first receipt card account number from a point of sale device; and

storing, by the server, the first electronic receipt in the database.

37. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 31 further comprising:

receiving, at the server, a request for a transaction history associated with a receipt card account number.

38. (Currently Amended)   A computer readable storage medium including computer executable instructions that, when executed by a server, cause the server to store receipts by a method comprising:

generating a database of electronic receipts in a database, each receipt associated with a receipt card having a magnetic strip encoded with information that identifies an electronic address of the database and information that identifies a [[user]] receipt card account number, wherein each receipt includes a list of items purchased during a cash transaction and unique transaction identification information for the cash transaction;

receiving a request for a specific electronic receipt associated with a specific receipt card account number from a remote device; and

transmitting information indicative of said specific electronic receipt to said remote device.

39. (Previously presented)   The computer readable storage medium of claim 38, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a computer system located at a business.

40. (Previously presented)   The computer readable storage medium of claim 38, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a customer's computer system.

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41. (Previously presented)   The computer readable storage medium of claim 38, wherein said unique transaction identification information further comprises:

the identity of the retailer who participated in said transaction, a transaction number, a gross amount, a sales tax, a date of said transaction, and a time of said transaction.

42. (Previously presented)   The computer readable storage medium of claim 38 further comprising:

receiving a request for a plurality of receipts associated with the specific receipt card account number.

43. (Previously presented)   The computer readable storage medium of claim 38 further comprising:

receiving a first electronic receipt associated with a first receipt card account number from a point of sale device; and

storing the first electronic receipt in the database.

44. (Previously presented)   The computer readable storage medium of claim 38 further comprising:

receiving a request for a transaction history associated with a receipt card account number.

45. (Currently Amended)   A system for storing receipts comprising:

a component configured to generate electronic receipts in a database, each receipt associated with a receipt card having a magnetic strip encoded with information that identifies an electronic address of the database and information that identifies a [[user]] receipt card account number, wherein each receipt includes a list of items purchased during a cash transaction and unique transaction identification information for the cash transaction;

a component configured to receive a request for a specific electronic receipt associated with a specific receipt card account number from a remote device; and

a component configured to transmit information indicative of said specific electronic receipt to said remote device.

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46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a computer system located at a business.

47. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a customer's computer system.

48. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein said unique transaction identification information further comprises:

the identity of the retailer who participated in said transaction, a transaction number, a gross amount, a sales tax, a date of said transaction, and a time of said transaction.

49. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein said request for a specific electronic receipt associated with a specific receipt card account number from a remote device further comprises:

a request for a plurality of receipts associated with the specific receipt card account number.

50. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45 further comprising:

a component configured to receive, at the server, a first electronic receipt associated with a first receipt card account number from a point of sale device; and

a component configured to store the first electronic receipt in the database.

51. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, further comprising:

a component configured to receive, at the server, a request for a transaction history associated with a receipt card account number.

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52. (Currently Amended)   A receipt card method, the method comprising:

generating point of sale data for a transaction, wherein the point of sale data identifies an item and a purchase price for the item;

receiving a receipt card on which is imprinted an account number that identifies an electronic address of a receipt card server and identifies a [[user]] <u>receipt card</u> account <u>number</u>, wherein the receipt card comprises a plastic housing having a front face whereon the account number is embedded and a rear face whereon the account number is encoded in a magnetic strip;

receiving a form of payment for the transaction, wherein the form of payment is one of cash and a check;

generating unique transaction identification information;

generating an electronic receipt that identifies the point of sale data, the account number, the unique transaction identification information, and the form of payment; and

transmitting the electronic receipt to the electronic address of the receipt card server.

53. (Previously presented)   The receipt card method of claim 52, wherein generating unique transaction identification information further comprises generating unique transaction identification information including information selected from a group of information consisting of an identity of the retailer, a transaction number, a gross amount, a sales tax amount, the data, and the time.